



Sustainable Arlington An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Registration required; link:

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At the start of the meeting, we will:

1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read Preamble to Remote Meetings
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Review “ground rules” for online meetings
5. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public

Agenda for June 24, 2020

1. Introductions
2. Update from Planning Dept.
3. Approve May minutes
4. Meet Sarah Dooling, new Executive Director of Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) and hear about goals, plans, and information resources
5. Climate, environmental, and racial justice: Sustainable Arlington discussion and vote
 - a. Resources, including MCAN anti-oppression training series
 - b. Vote on supporting the Arlington Black Lives Matter Proclamation, adopted by June 8 vote of the Arlington Select Board. *Please read the*

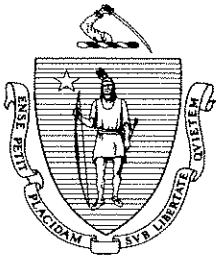
proclamation before the meeting.

<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10258/16>

6. Local pollinator protection discussion continues. Brief report on Sustainable Belmont's June pollinator gardening with appropriate native plants.
7. AHS Building Conservation Permit Application includes synthetic turf, storm water (rain and snow melt runoff) issues.
(<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10210/3972?backlist=%2ftown-governance%2fall-boards-and-committees%2fconservation-commission>)
8. New business
9. Announcements
 - a. June action: Another push to pass climate and energy legislation in Massachusetts. Legislative Session extended to July 22.
 - b. Data from Climate and Resilience questions on Envision Arlington's 2020 survey are now available, along with analysis. Copies available for review prior to July meeting.
 - c. [video recording] "The Path to Environmental Justice is Local," Elizabeth Yampierre, internationally recognized Puerto Rican attorney of African and Indigenous ancestry and environmental/climate justice leader who is the executive director of UPROSE, Brooklyn's oldest Puerto Rican community-based organization." Antioch University New England. <http://www.communityresilience-center.org/environmental-advocacy-webinar-series/> [recording]
 - d. Sustainable Arlington website lists webinars, other online events at <http://www.sustainablearlington.org/>
10. Adjourn

Attachments

Governor Charles Baker's 3/12/2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law



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**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G. L. c. 30A, § 20**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, many important functions of State and Local Government are executed by "public bodies," as that term is defined in G. L. c. 30A, § 18, in meetings that are open to the public, consistent with the requirements of law and sound public policy and in order to ensure active public engagement with, contribution to, and oversight of the functions of government; and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health ("DPH") have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise authority over public assemblages as necessary to protect the health and safety of persons; and

WHEREAS, low-cost telephone, social media, and other internet-based technologies are currently available that will permit the convening of a public body through virtual means and allow real-time public access to the activities of the public body; and

WHEREAS section 20 of chapter 30A and implementing regulations issued by the Attorney General currently authorize remote participation by members of a public body, subject to certain limitations;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

(1) A public body, as defined in section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, is hereby relieved from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the deliberations of the public body. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while those activities are occurring. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access must provide for such participation.

A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings. This paragraph shall not apply to proceedings that are conducted pursuant to a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, that requires allowance for active participation by members of the public.

A public body must offer its selected alternative means of access to its proceedings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.

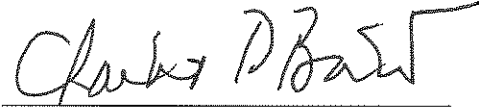
(2) Public bodies are hereby authorized to allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. The requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at a specified meeting location, as provided in G. L. c. 30A, § 20(d) and in 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b), is hereby suspended.

(3) A public body that elects to conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in sections (1) or (2) above shall ensure that any party entitled or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means, as if the party were a member of the public body and participating remotely as provided in section (2).

(4) All other provisions of sections 18 to 25 of chapter 30A and the Attorney General's implementing regulations shall otherwise remain unchanged and fully applicable to the activities of public bodies.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at 6:40 PM this 12th day of
March, two thousand and twenty.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Charles" is written with a large, prominent "C". The last name "Baker" is written with a large, prominent "B". The signature is written above a horizontal line.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts